MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Have the Government any control over these members, such as attending meetings, etc ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: They expect that when they are nominated members, they will be present at the meetings.

*Higher education in fisheries.*

342. * MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Karthikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have selected candidates to be sent abroad for higher education in fisheries in connection with the Post War Reconstruction scheme; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether there is any candidate selected from Araya community ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

*Rural Development Officer in taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad.*

343. * MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what work was done by the Rural Development Officer in the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad in the year 1121;

(*b*) the date from which that officer was functioning; and

(*c*) the rural centre visited by that officer in the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) The Rural Development Officer visited the two taluks in order to study local conditions for the preparation of a scheme for the expansion of rural development activities.

(*b*) 7-8-1121.

(*c*) There is no Rural Centre in the Parur taluk. The officer visited the Sacred Heart Orphanage Rural Development Centre, Mookannoor, Angamali in the Kunnatnad taluk.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the member, the salary of the Rural Development Officer ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Two hundred rupees per mensem.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether he intends to prepare a scheme under the direction of the Government or on his own initiative ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: He will prepare a scheme in accordance with the directions given by the Economic Development Board and of course it will be submitted to the Board for their consideration and then it will be submitted to Government who will pass final orders.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the Economic Development Board has issued directions to this officer to prepare a scheme?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: They have issued directions as to what he should do to start with.

MR. K. M. PAUL: May I know whether Rural Development Officers are appointed for other taluks as well ?

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